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Chi Psi Lodge Burned.

Wednesday morning one of the two oldest buildings on College Hill, Chi Psi Lodge, was completely destroyed by fire. This building, which had been standing for about a hundred and ten years, was one of the oldest landmarks of this section.

The origin of the fire will probably never be known, for without any warning whatever, the whole upper part of the building burst into flames. The fire soon reached the electric wires and then darkness in the lower rooms added to the confusion. The occupants were roused by the crackling of the flames at about 1:30 a. m. and in less than an hour not a timber was standing to mark the spot which had been the home of the Chi Psi fraternity for twenty-three years.

Bennett, '06, Gilbert, '07, Rupert and Scoon, '08, who roomed in the Lodge, escaped without any trouble but were unable to save more than a small fraction of the furnishings in the house.

Although in response to the ringing of the chapel bell almost the entire College body hastened to the blazing building, it was impossible to save it. An attempt was made to lay the line of hose but the distance to the nearest hydrant made an effort in that direction useless. The sparks carried by the wind in the direction of Prof. Morrill's house placed his home in considerable danger. The extension ladders were brought out and a bucket brigade was soon busy on the roof preventing the sparks from taking any effect.

The loss sustained by the destruction of the Lodge and its contents is partially covered by insurance.

Prof. Wight Loses a Child.

Prof. P. L. Wight, '91, principal of Clinton High School, lost his five year old son, through diphtheria. The child was stricken down Wednesday and died on Thursday. School was closed on Friday afternoon for the funeral.

Alleghany Game.

Monday evening we try conclusions with the Alleghany basket-ball team in the last game of the season. That the visitors will prove formidable adversaries, is amply evidenced by their fine record this season. Yet we have already met and defeated supposedly invincible teams on the "Gym." floor,—why not do the same thing this time? The wearers of the "H." have developed confidence, speed and team work, which are three of the necessary requisites in basket-ball. Furthermore they have their own student body to cheer them on. This being the last game we want to retrieve our recent defeats at Syracuse and Rochester. Let every man, player and supporter alike, strive to the best of his ability to make the game a repetition of our former victories. We can do it; we will do it. The lineup will be as follows:

Alleghany.		Hamilton.
	Forwards.	
Rossiter		Kuolt
Russell		Sicard
	Center.	
Comport		P. Kelly
	Guards.	
Lewis, (Capt.)		Bramley
MacArthur		T. Sherman, (Capt.)

Senior Club.

The Seniors met at the Alpha Delta Phi Hall on Wednesday evening. Although there was not a full representation, there was a quorum present, which proceeded at once to the business of removing all superficial dignity and gravity that was stunting the all around development of a would be graduate. Among the episodes of the evening was "Johnny" Dean's shampoo. Wonder what "Johnny" wanted a shampoo for? Hair, doubtless. "Hank" Munger cut a few capers. Others indulged in cards and wrought havoc with the Havanas and cigarettes so bountifully provided by the hosts. The gathering broke up about 12 o'clock.

The New York Debate.

Hamilton was defeated in debate Friday evening, Feb, 24th, by the College of the City of New York. A large audience had gathered to hear the debate and both sides were enthusiastically received. The judges were Hon. Chas. S. Fairchild; Hon. St. Clair McKelway; Prof. Isaac F. Russell. The question was the popular election of Senators on which the city college had the negative and Hamilton the affirmative.

Hamilton's line of argument was that the theory of American government had changed since the adoption of the Constitution and was now the closest possible approximation to direct government by the people. The second speaker dealt with the bad effects of the present system on state politics and legislation, and the third speaker devoted his time to the effect on the Senate itself.

The negative debaters followed a different line. The first speaker asserted that his side was not defending the present system, but proposed a better one, namely, the substitution of pluralities for majorities in Senatorial elections. The second dwelt on some of the characteristics of the Senate which he attributed to the present system of election. The third developed as a thesis that the Senate had always been criticised, even when doing its best work.

Mr. McKelway, in delivering the decision of the judges, devoted some time to giving his own views and defense of the Senate. The debate was not entirely head on. Hamilton felt that the New Yorkers had lost the debate, when they asserted that they were not defending the present system. Such a defense is necessarily involved in the question as worded. Then the debaters of the city college failed to bring their remarks on the Senate to the present day. The nearest approach to it was 1855.

On the other hand the New York team asserted that our representatives did not prove their assertions and did

not meet their point of a better system. Each team was on its mettle and it may be said that our opponents excelled in smooth and connected debate. On the first appearance the New York team had been drilled until their debates were orations. But they were clever debaters and clear thinkers. The difference between the systems of debate was noticeable. The bitterness of defeat was somewhat lessened by the fact that the victors had been trained by a Hamilton man. Our team received the best of treatment at the hands of the city college, and we shall be glad to return the compliment next year.

U. F. A. vs. Freshmen.

The Utica Free Academy basket-ball team defeated the Freshman five on Wednesday afternoon, the score when the game was finished standing 34–22. A very slim crowd was out to see the game and but little enthusiam was shown. The game was slow and uninteresting from start to finish; since little effort was put forth by either team to properly guard their men. Holley was kept busy calling fouls, each team offending about equally in this respect. Most of the first half was given to free "trys" at the goal, and in results obtained, Cruickshank, of Utica, certainly had much the better of Sherman. Line-up:

U. F. A. 34.		Freshmen 22.
	Right Forward.	
Hayes, (Capt.)		Sherman, (Miller).
	Left Forward.	
Cruickshank.		W. F. Jones.
	Center.	
Thomas.		Cookinham, (Sherman).
	Right Guard.	
Manning.		Henderson, (Haggerson).
	Left Guard.	
Hooper, (Snyder).		Weekes.

Goals from field — Cruickshank 7, Thomas 2, Manning 3, Snyder 1, Hayes 1, Sherman 2, Jones 3, Miller 1, Henderson 2, Weekes 1. Fouls—Cruickshank 6, Sherman 4. Umpire—A. H. Holley, '08. Referee — Hitchcock, U. F. A. Time of halves, 20 minutes.

Waseda University of Japan has challenged Leland Stanford to a game of baseball to be played in San Francisco in the spring. Waseda holds the championship of Japan, and if it sends a team to America it will easily mark the beginning of a new era in intercollegiate baseball.

Junior Whist Again.

The Junior Whist Club held its third meeting as the guests of the Theta Delta Chi delegation last Monday evening and enjoyed a right royal time. The attendance was not large, but still, with no reflection on the absentees, uncommonly select.

MacIntyre, '05, and Purdy, entertained the crowd musically as a prelude to real business and the crowd was really sorry to begin playing cards,so skillfully did the aforementioned musicians manipulate the catgut and ivories. Gibbon arrived early in the evening to take another shot at the club. He sprang some new-fangled water-soaked pin-wheel, instead of a flash-light, which was received with derisive disgust by the victims, and it was only after long and heated argument that they consented to pose again for Gib's heavy artillery. Bloyer was accused of being an accomplice in the deal, but as he is business manager of the Hamiltonian he was let off easy, lest he should abscond with the funds (?). Refreshments were partaken of to the distance-dimmed harmony of Barrows' banjo, which however didn't receive half the approval the rusks did.

The cards went as usual. Drummond vindicated himself as the worst whist-player in college and effectually hoodooed every partner he had, showing himself particularly partial to Carroll. Purdy consistently trumped his partner's ace. LeMunyan held his usual phenomenal hand and successfully managed to manipulate his score to his own advantage. Towards morning—about 2:45 a. m.—Benedict took up the violin to speed the parting guests, who separated with a rousing cheer for their royal entertainers.

Howard Edgerton Returned.

Howard Edgerton, ex-'05, has returned to complete his college course after a three months' trip to Old Mexico. His health having run down he joined his brother, Seward Edgerton,'04, in Mexico, and on a Mexican ranch applied himself to the task of regaining his health. After vigorous outdoor life and relaxation from mental work he has come back to resume college work with 1906. His former classmates wish they might welcome him back into the fellowship of 1905.

Church and Y. M. C. A.

Mr. Morris W. Ehnes, of New York City, will occupy the College pulpit tomorrow morning, March 5th, and will address the afternoon meeting in Silliman Hall. Mr. Ehnes brings a message straight from the mission fields of Africa, where he has seen active service. Mr. Ehnes is a thorough college man and is an attractive speaker.

At the 4 o'clock meeting Sunday afternoon Mr. Ehnes will meet the College men informally, and will dwell more particularly on the interesting phases of his personal experience in Africa. Special efforts are being made by the Association officers to make this one of the big meetings of the year.

Mr. Ehnes has written up in advance, requesting the privilege of talking individually with men who are especially interested in missions.

The announcement last Sunday that Dr. Root would speak in the afternoon at the Y. M. C. A. meeting attracted a large portion of the College. Dr. Root's address sparkled with gentle wit and was packed with shrewd sense which was wrapped in "Square's" own inimitable style.

The annual meeting and election of officers of the Y. M. C. A. will take place on Friday evening at 7:30, March 10th, in Silliman Hall. Nominations may be given to the president of the association at any time before the meeting. Reports will be given by the chairman of the different committees, on Bible study, mission study, religious meetings, membership, finance, music, social, and vicinity work.

Y. M. C. A. dues are payable to the Treasurer, R. M. McLean, NOW.

Calendar for the Week.

Sunday—10:30 a. m., Address by Morris W. Ehnes, of New York City; 4:00 p. m., Address by Mr. Ehnes, in Silliman Hall.

Monday—8:00 p. m., Basket-ball game, Alleghany vs. Hamilton, in the Gym.

Wednesday—8:00 p. m., Senior Club.

Thursday—7:00 p. m., Senior-Junior prayer meeting; 8:00 p. m., Junior Whist Club.

Friday—7:00 p. m., Freshman prayer meeting; 7:30 p. m., Sophomore prayer meeting.

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In the burning down of the Chi Psi Lodge early last Wednesday the College sustained its first serious loss by fire. After witnessing the reality of a disastrous fire the College begins to appreciate its blessings in being preserved from the horrors of fire for so long a period. Our sympathy which was extended tacitly to Williams College a few months ago at the time of their destructive fire, will be less vague after our having passed through a similar, though less damaging experience.

Again, the destruction of the Chi Psi Lodge brings forcibly to our mind the almost utter helplessness of the inhabitants of the Hill in the emergencies of fire. Through the scarcity of water, the inadequacy of equipment, and the lack of any organized fire department on the Hill, the College buildings and fraternity houses are left at the mercy of the flames. There is therefore urgent need of surer protection against a similar visitation of fire.

KNOCK, KNOCK, KNOCK.

"Knock, knock, knock, I would ye could waken Duncan with your knocking." That sentence from Macbeth changed a little by inserting someone for Duncan, would fit a great many of us here in college. But the fact remains that "someone", that Duncan refuses to be moved by all our knocking. To be sure we do not call it so crude a word; rather, we term it criticism, and now we must paraphrase a little and say, "Would that thy criticism might do some good." The fact of the whole matter is that the hardest, severest critic is usually the most unwilling to accept criticism. And further than this, most of us on the Hill, and perhaps college men in general, are quite free in our criticism. You can draw the conclusion for yourself and isn't it true?

Now of what use is all this knocking, or criticism if you prefer? Do we do it because we are anxious to see something corrected, which appears to us as undeniable, or do we pound away simply because we are grumblers? To some men the former would apply, to many the latter; and when the first class think they are finding too many evils, they begin to swell the second class. Thus it grows from bad to worse. So we have this proposition to face: the majority of us are prone to indiscriminate criticism of men and measures; the majority of us are unwilling to accept such criticism to profit by it; and seeing our own fault practiced by others, namely, criticism in general, we call them knockers. In this thing at least we are too little self-inspecting. We fail to cast out of our own eyes the beam, before we criticise the moat that is in our neighbors.

Truly, this is bad; we are viewing things, are arranging them with no respect whatever to relation or proportion, and in this way we are nullifyiny that very good which college is supposed to give a young man. We are nourishing that germ, or rather that microbe, which we style as the critical attitude of a college man. That attitude is entirely proper in its own sphere and the radius of the sphere is extremely small.

What do we not criticise in a day's routine? Have you ever thought? We have no sooner stopped grumbling that the time has come to get up than we find the breakfast abominable and the waiters as slow as molasses in winter. Chapel services are too long or too dry; the Scripture is too uninteresting, or it can't be heard in the back of the room. Such is the beginning in the morning. The remainder of the day follows the lead of the morning and the only recitation or lecture that is not criticised is the one that is not heard. And finally we wend our banging, stumbling way to bed and there, there is rest at least and no fault.

Surely all this is an unnatural condition of affairs and one that really deserves our attention. Outside of our life here on the Hill, there are other and different things and rough will be our journey if we don't learn to adapt ourselves to those changed relations. The man who persists in finding nothing that can satisfy him is an uncompanionable beast and fit to live only on rainy days.

Do We Know What We Want?

From time forgotten the student body has clamored for a lecture course here on the Hill and bewailed the College's deficiency in this important department. Well, we have the lectures, but where are the enthusiasts? At Prof. Shepard's last lecture a liberal estimate would number the student audience at a dozen. The faculty and Clinton sent a far larger representation.

We all concede that the hour for these lectures is somewhat inconvenient but then most good things come high; and to prophesy a bit, if we want such lectures in the future we must turn out to them. They are given at our solicitation, not because the townspeople may desire to attend. And the worst is that the College is missing such treats. Prof. Shepard's lectures are brilliant in their literary form and their matter is well worth knowing by every man in College. We can't expect lectures to be given if the students refuse to furnish an audience. The question seems to be, do we want what we ask for; do we know what we want?

—At a recent meeting the Freshmen chose for their colors red and black. These, although extensively used, form a very good combination.

Basket-ball Trip.

Monday morning the basket-ball team, with the exception of P. Kelly, whom the faculty would not excuse, started out on a trip to Syracuse and Rochester. Although the games were not won the players are satisfied that they can still play the game.

The entertainment and treatment during the game at Syracuse are spoken of in the highest terms. Never was better feeling shown toward a Hamilton team and never were the men so well satisfied, although it was a losing game.

Redlein, one of Syracuse's best men, who was not able to get into the game here, played on Monday and proved a most formidable opponent. The game was clean and fast, but one-sided. We were fairly outplayed on a floor much smaller than our own.

Syracuse 60. Hamilton 9.

Right Forward.	
Redlein.	Kuolt.
Left Forward.	
Kirchgasser.	Sicard.
Center.	
Powell, (Capt).	Sherman, (Capt).
Right Guard.	
Dollard, (Riehl).	Bramley.
Left Guard.	
Haunsknecht.	Schwartz.

Redmond, Hamilton '01, acted as referee in this game, while one of the Syracuse men was umpire.

Not so much can be said of the entertainment at Rochester. Nor was the game so satisfactory, although the score was much smaller. Our men played fully as fast as the Rochester team, covered better and in the second half completely surpassed them. The score, as finally given, by no means presents a true idea of the game.

Rochester 25. Hamilton 9.

Right Guard.	
Milder.	Bramley.
Left Guard.	
Love.	Sherman, (Capt).
Center.	
Clark.	Schwartz.
Left Forward.	
Reed, (Capt).	Sicard.
Right Forward.	
Taggart.	Kuolt.

Goals from field—Clark 2, Reed 3, Taggart 1, Love 1, Milder 1, Kuolt 2, Sherman 3, Sicard 1. Goals from fouls—Taggart 9, Sherman 3, Kuolt 3. Referee—Tattig, of Lehigh University. Umpire — Redmond, Hamilton. Time of halves, 20 minutes.

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College Notes.

—W. H. Bush of Chicago was a guest on the Hill Monday.

—Miller, '07, has returned to College after a week's absence.

—Edgerton, ex-'05, has returned to College and will resume work with 1906.

—Rood, '07, has been forced to leave College indefinitely because of weak eyes.

—The members of Psi Upsilon have been boarding at the College Commons this week.

—Humphrey, '05, and Warburton, '06, visited the University of Rochester Monday.

—R. U. Sherman, '05, went to Washington to witness the inauguration of the president.

—Jenks, '05, has been supplying as teacher in the Clinton High School in the absence of Principal Wight.

—Simmons (in English History)—"I believe that the Rump Parliament was named after a certain Mr. Rump."

—LIFE extends its somewhat belated congratulations to Prof. Davenport upon the advent of a daughter into his home.

—Prof. A. P. Saunder's infant daughter is very ill from a severe attack of appendicitis. The College tenders its sympathy.

—Lewis,'07, is speedily recovering from an operation for appendicitis in Utica Homeopathic Hospital. His father visited him at the hospital on Tuesday, and finding him convalescing so rapidly, returned home the next day.

—At last the Hamiltonian Board has succeeded in having a picture taken. Saturday was the eventful day. Every member of the board was present promptly on time, even Perry Miller.

—Freshman (in Bible, describing the death of Absalom)—"He was riding through the woods and his hair caught in the limb of a tree and his (jack)ass went out from under him." Even "The Chair" smiled.

—Coach Hefferon was on the Hill Thursday afternoon for baseball practice. He seemed pleased with the work of the squad. Mr. Murray, of Williams, for four years tackle on their 'varsity, accompanied him.

—Within the past week fire has been started twice in North, in one case getting quite a hold. The College is not yet so rich that it can dispense with "Old North" and bearing this in mind the fellows should all use scrupulous care in the handling of stoves, lamps, etc.

—It is to be regretted that P. Kelly, '07, was unable to go to Syracuse with the basket-ball team. Although he had cuts of his own the Dean of the faculty intimated that if he used them to go on the basket-ball trip suspension from College would probably result. Heretofore every man has been privileged to use his cuts when and for whatever purpose he desired.

—The College Commons is still lighted in that primitive and colonial way which has been enjoyed all the year. Candles were the only available means before electric lights were provided for the Hill, but now, inasmuch as the Commons is wired and the power available, why should not connections be made and electric lights used in the place of dim and disagreeable candles?

—Many humorous incidents took place in Junior debate this week. Gentes believes that the class has reached such a state of common sense that it is unnecessary for him to refute his opponent's arguments. Stryker closed a strong debate by a one-minute oration which won him great applause. Thompson ended his argument by shaking his delicate hand under "Billy" Watson's nose, and it is said that he even threatened him with personal violence. At the close the chair paid the affirmative the compliment of saying that he believed "they really knew what they were talking about." The negative all looked hurt, especially "Bug" Thompson.

—So much comment has been heard concerning the last article on the local page of the edition of February 25th that a certain Junior volunteered to take up the gauntlet for the Prom. Committee and would like to answer the questions asked. The purpose of the Committee from first to last was to make the Prom. a social rather than a financial success, and money was liberally spent to bolster up the details which have been so liberally criticised in years past, such as programs for instance, the floor and all minor things which go to make up an admittedly successful Promenade. Good taste would prohibit us from mentioning any such unfortunate accident as happened to the list of patronesses. And after spending so much money in the minor details the Committee found itself rather low financially when it came to the matter of bunting, and as that of 1905 had figured so prominently at their Prom. and at the 1904 Senior Ball, it was deemed no incongruity to use it, and it should appear the least so to the present Senior Class.

Game with R. P. I.

In a game devoid of any sensational features Hamilton defeated R. P. I. last Friday night by the score of 42–12. Hamilton started the scoring and at no point were we in danger of losing. At times the game was very rough and it closed by Schwartz raising his opponent bodily from the floor. This strong-man act brought down the house—which, by the way, was very small. Bramley and Kuolt did the best playing for Hamilton. Lamb threw five baskets for the visitors.

Hamilton 42.	R. P. I. 12.
Forwards.	
Sicard, (Schwartz),	Hannock.
Kuolt,	Lamb.
Centers.	
Kelly,	Benhart.
Guards.	
Sherman,	Hinman.
Bramley,	Koerner.

Baskets—Bramley 6, Sherman 3, Kelly 2, Kuolt 5, Sicard 3, Schwartz 1, Lamb 5, Benhart 1. Goals from fouls—Sherman 2. Umpire and referee—MacIntyre.

The faculty of Northwestern University law school of Evanston, Ill., has issued an order forbidding any student of freshman standing from competing in athletics on any Northwestern team. The rule will debar the captain of this year's football team.

Life Board Picture.

Last Saturday the editorial staff of the College Weekly made its annual pilgrimage to the photographer's studio. Lewis, of Utica, snapped the picture again this year, and the result is highly creditable to both the photographer and the distinguished board.

The only regret is that both Schwab and Mann were absent when the picture was taken. It was unfortunate that the date set for visiting the studio could not have suited the entire board.

Among the Colleges.

Pennsylvania's new gymnasium is to be so arranged that a small gymnasium class may not take up the whole of the large floor space. Two nets will be suspended from the ceiling which will divide the room into three equal parts. By letting these nets down it will be possible for a basket-ball game, baseball practice and gymnasium work to go on at the same time without interfering with each other.

The Filipino students at the University of California, assisted by Filipino students in other American universities, will soon begin the publication of a magazine. It will be printed in English and Spanish and will be circulated through the United States, Europe and the Philippine Islands. Five hundred subscriptions have already been received from Manila, where a business agent is located.

A summer trip for University of Chicago students, which is to include in its itinerary Ireland and Scotland, is announced by Henry Chandler Cowles, instructor in botany. This class probably will leave Chicago about July 15 and will spend six weeks abroad studying the flora of the British Isles. In Scotland the class will spend most of its time among the highland lakes. The trip is to count as a regular course of study.

Mr. John Barrett, United States minister to the Republic of Panama, has offered three prizes of $100, $75 and $50 for the best papers on the relations of the United States with the Latin-American republics, to be competed for by young men and women now in the regular course of any college or university of recognized standing in the United States. Mr. Barrett states in a letter to Pres. Butler, of Columbia University, that in making this offer he was prompted by a sincere desire to do something to develop throughout the United States a wider interest in our political and commercial relations with Latin-America, and to foster a more general study of Latin-American history and institutions, political, social and educational conditions, material and industrial resources, and commercial possibilities—especially as they effect the growth of closer ties of international comity and confidence. Further he says, that he wishes that our colleges and universities would take up the study of the Spanish language as they do French and German, and that another year he hopes to offer corresponding prizes to promote the study of that tongue, which in the future may be more useful to the young American than either French or German.

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